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From the Region Chaplain ...

During the Christmas season a friend of mine sent me a very clever version of the story of the Nativity

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkHNNPM7pJA>).

Excentric – a Lisbon, Portugal, company – created a video that tells the Christmas story through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google, among other popular social media tools. The video concludes with: *"Times change, the feeling remains the same."* Though we deal with changes that come with time, there are some things that remain constant.



Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward

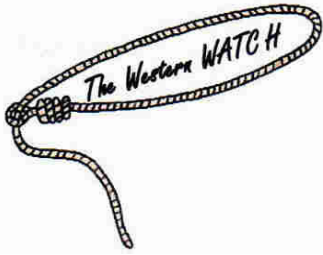
This year will mark my 15th year as a member of the Civil Air Patrol -- more specifically, a member of the CAP Chaplain Corps. Some of you have been a member for many more years than that -- others less. But one thing that has been/will be experienced by all of us: change.

Technology, planes, vehicles, regulations, uniforms, personnel has changed over the nearly 70 years that CAP has been in existence. In my 15 years I have seen many changes in the organization -- some for the good and some -- well, we will leave it at that :). But what is constant? May I suggest two things that remain the same?

The first thing that comes to mind is *"the mission"*. While changes in personnel (leaders and members), regulations/manuals/pamphlets (the written rules or policies that govern how and what we do as an organization), resources (communication, planes, vehicles), and events/activities (some have been added or deleted, others have had format changes), the primary 3-fold mission of CAP has not changed. CAP's three-fold mission is represented by the prop displayed in our logo: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services.

"Ministry of Presence" is that other constant. This phrase is repeated throughout our Chaplain Corps publications. Simply stated, as members of the CAP Chaplain Corps we are that *"visible reminder of the holy"*. Therein lies the mission of the Chaplain Corps: being there to minister to the needs of

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the senior members, cadets, and members of their families. Are we visible or invisible? Are we there when a member looks around or do they have to send out a ground team that is UDF qualified to find us?

Though time may change things, let us hold firm to our collective commitment to fulfilling the CAP 3-fold mission: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services.

In Service Together,

Paul



NATIONAL CADET SPECIAL ACTIVITIES PCR TO HOST GLIDER FLIGHT ACADEMY

National Cadet Special Activities are Cadet Programs conducted by Civil Air Patrol. NCSAs are designed to give cadets direct hands on experience with various aspects of the Civil Air Patrol program and provide meaningful insight into several aviation-related careers.

There are approximately 30 different special activities that a cadet may attend. Each activity is approximately a week long, and all but one are offered during the Summer. Chaplain support is welcomed.

The variety of NCSAs offered by CAP gives cadets a diverse experience. Activities focus on career exploration, leadership development, search and rescue skills, aeronautical training, Air Force familiarization, government, and a variety of other topics.

Nevada Wing will be hosting a National Cadet Special Activity: Glider Flight Academy June 24 to July 3, 2011, at Minden, NV. It has been several years since Pacific Region last hosted a National flight academy. Chaplain, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall is the activity director. It is our hope that many cadets from around the region will apply to this activity. Additional senior member staff is still needed. Positions available include the following: Tactical Officers, Safety Officer, Logistics, Director of Operations, Finance, tow pilots, glider instructors, experienced glider ground crew, and ground instructors. If you want more information on the activity, you can contact Elizabeth at flcg@nanosecond.com. Since she is serving as the activity director, any support from the Chaplain Corps (staff chaplain/tactical officers, etc.) would be appreciated.

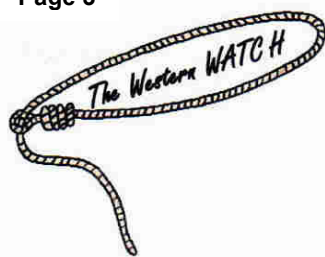


For more information on National Cadet Special Activities: <http://ncsas.com/>



Maj Ray Ferguson

North Coast Composite Squadron
Tillamook, Ore



2011 CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGE

Mark these dates.....

MARCH 14 – MARCH 17

Where????

TRAVIS AFB



The dates for the 2011 PCRCCSC are Monday afternoon to Thursday early afternoon, 14-17 March. The location will be Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA.

More information will be coming via your Wing Chaplain and e-mails from Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast – Dean of PCRCCSC. The curriculum for the training event has been approved. The theme will be: **“Capable – Accessible – Partnership”**.

The registration fee is \$75.00 – which covers the Monday evening fellowship meal, materials, and the luncheon. On-line registration is available: <http://guest.event.com/d/zdqfqq/1Q> Students will be responsible for paying for their lodging. In order to submit the names of attendees for the MSA (Military Support Authorization), the **final deadline** for registration is **1 February 2011**.

For more info: <http://hc.pcr.cap.gov/training.html>

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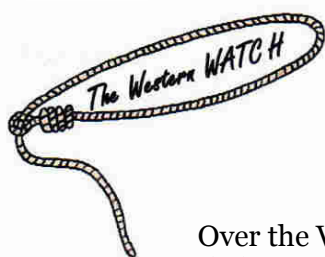
The newsletter is distributed to Pacific Region Chaplains and Character Development Instructors, staff members, and interested parties.

PCR Chaplain Corps Web-Site

<http://hc.pcr.cap.gov>



Make plans now to attend the 2011 PCR Chaplain Corps Staff College!!!



AROUND THE REGION

Over the Veteran's Day week-end, the California Wing held their annual Wing Conference. Ch, Maj Harlan Confer presented a session on "Biblical Counseling and Resources" to the CAWG Chaplain Corps. During that session, two members of the Chaplain Corps were recognized for their service: Ch, Maj Harlan Confer was the recipient of the Sammy Campos



Ch, Maj Harlan Confer

named the CAWG Chaplain of the Year and Capt Robert Harris was named the CAWG CDI of the Year.

Ministry of Excellence Award and Maj Patricia "Tricia" Lay was the recipient of the Bruce Joyner Ministry of Excellence Award. In the General Assembly, the following were recognized for their contributions to the Wing: Ch, Lt Col Howard Payne was



Capt Bob Harris; Ch, Lt Col George Dawson; Ch, Lt Col Howard Payne



Ch, Capt Paul Vance

Chaplain, Capt Paul Vance was awarded the Commander's Commendation for Pilot of the Year for Group 5 at the Squadron 85 Awards/Anniversary Banquet.



Ch, Maj Ralph Camp appointed as the NVWG HC during the NVWG Conference. As members of the PCR Chaplain Corps we congratulate Chaplain Camp upon his appointment and express our deepest appreciation to Chaplain Tattersall for her dedicated service to the NVWG since 2004. Elizabeth has done a wonderful job as the NVWG HC and has been mentoring Ralph for the past couple of years.



Ch, Maj Ralph Camp receiving a certificate of completion for the 2009 CCRSC from Ch, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall





This year the Washington Wing HQ staff had a Christmas party and everyone brought gifts for a child – a tradition that began three years ago. The gifts went to the McChord AFB 1st Sgts Angel Tree. The WAWG HQ Staff combined the gifts they brought with the Protestant Retirees of the Chapel. The total is estimated at between \$150 and \$350 worth of toys for children. This was a wonderful way to brighten the lives of children as well as demonstrating the core value of “Service before Self”.



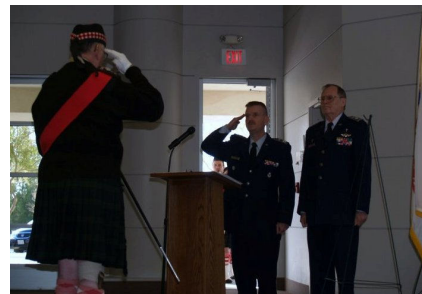
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 11 December 2010



The Civil Air Patrol’s *Wreaths Across America* program began in 2006 as an offshoot of the Arlington National Cemetery wreath project, which was started in 1992 with the annual placement of wreaths donated by Worcester Wreath Co. The program has mushroomed in a short time. With its patriotic theme and its increasing visibility, *Wreaths Across America* is an ideal program for promotion of CAP and the patriotic values CAP holds dear. On December

11th 219,000 wreaths were placed on the gravesites of veterans in over 500 ceremonies across the Nation. Members of the CAP Chaplain Corps were among the hundreds of CAP volunteers who participated in this annual event. Many events were conducted throughout the Pacific Region. Here are just a couple of highlights:

The Nevada Wing Cadet Advisory Council laid over 2,400 wreaths at the Boulder City Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Chaplain, Lt Tom Miller was a participant in this observance.



Ch. Lt Col Tom Miller (NVWG)



Ch, Lt Col Mike McKinney (CAWG)

Capt Robert Harris served as the project officer for the *Wreaths Across America* ceremony conducted at the Riverside National Cemetery (CAWG). Chaplain, Lt Col Mike McKinney was the host chaplain/emcee and 1st Lt Adelle McKinney was the Public Affairs Officer.

Squadron 47 (CAWG) participated in the laying of wreaths at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego. Ch, Maj Richard Nelson serves as the chaplain for Sq 47 and assisted in this project.



Ch. Lt Col Richard Nelson (CAWG)



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



These members of the PCR Chaplain Corps attained the following awards in the Senior Member Professional Development Program. We are proud of their accomplishments.



Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

Ch, Capt Paul Vance – CAWG



Level 3 – Grover Loening

Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett – AKWG
Capt Robert Harris – CAWG



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch, Maj James Graham – WAWG



Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Lt Col Charles Roesel – ORWG

On-line CLC & SLS are available! On-line CLC & SLS are open to all eligible candidates who would not otherwise be able to attend in residence. To register for either course click this link which takes you to the On-line Courses & Exams page in CAP University.

http://www.capmembers.com/cap_university/online_courses_exams.cfm

Please note that the primary method of completing CLC & SLS is in residence and the on-line option is primarily for those who cannot attend in residence.



WELCOME ABOARD!!!!

New Appointments



2nd Lt Matthew Wimmer – CAWG

Chaplain, 1st Lt Olin Brock – WAWG

Major Daniel Pietras, Commander, Fort Vancouver Composite Squadron, welcomes his new Chaplain, Olin Brock, following a special Commissioning Service at Trinity Baptist Church, Vancouver WA. Pastor Brock has been serving the Squadron as their Community Clergy and has been pastor of the church for the past 18 years. Trinity Baptist Church was founded in 1941, the birth year of Civil Air Patrol. Chaplain, Lt Col Danny Riggs (WAWG HC) conducted the Commissioning Service.

